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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
MITSUO NIIDA ET AL.) Examiner: P.P. Jones
Application No.: 09/022,979) Group Art Unit: 2664
Filed: February 12, 1998)
For: COMMUNICATION)
APPARATUS AND)
COMMUNICATION METHOD) July 11, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

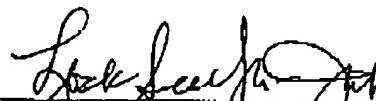
Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated March 13, 2002 for one month, from June 13, 2002 to July 13, 2002.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$110.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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